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S. Viet Nam War Vital Test—Dulles

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Allen W. Dulles yesterday called the war in South Viet Nam a "very important test case" which the U.S. and South Viet Nam governments must win.

Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told a news conference here that if the Communists win, Indonesia and Thailand will then fall to Communist subversive apparatus.

"It would be very disastrous for us in Asia and in the world," he said.

He said Indonesia "today is particularly threatened" by the Communists.

LAW WEEK FETE

Dulles is scheduled to speak at a San Diego County Bar Association luncheon today in the Terrace Room of the Community Concourse as a feature of Law Week activities.

"We should not aspire to be policemen for the world," he said.

"However, there are certain times and certain places where you have to show your strength or the Communists will take over nation after nation."

Dulles, who headed the CIA for eight years, said he does not believe the daily air strikes on North Viet Nam will stiffen resistance of the Communists. And he said he does not foresee another Korea in Viet Nam.

PROBLEM FOR PEKING

He said he bases the latter belief on the fact it would take Red China "quite a while" to get troops into action.

"The logistics problem is very much more difficult than it was in Korea," he said. He said that in Korea, it was known there were many Chinese troops across the Yalu River, but it was not believed they would enter the war there.

He said that the Soviet Union and Red China do not like the stepped up activity in the South Vietnamese war, but "they do not like each other, either."

"Neither wants to back the other, yet neither wants us to succeed," he said.

Dulles also said he hopes it will not be necessary to send in massive U.S. ground forces in Viet Nam.

He said government leaders are opposed to this "if the war can be won any other way."

BACKS JOHNSON

Dulles said President Johnson should be given latitude while we are "sailing in very troubled waters." He added that the President, secretary of state and secretary of defense will "do everything they can to avoid (full-scale) war and get an honorable peace."

He said he will discuss the problem of negotiating with the Communists at today's meeting.

The best hopes for avoiding a world war, Dulles said, are to negotiate with the Communists and to encourage cultural exchanges and other relations with them.

"The more they see of us, our strength, our way of life, our way of law, the less danger of war," he said.



ALLEN W. DULLES
... speaks here today